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SUBJ: UNCTAD: GROUP OF EIGHT DRAFT ON CHARTER OF ECONOMIC
RIGHTS AND DUTIES

REF: GENEVA 3102

1. WE HAVE LEARNED THAT MEXICAN AMB. CASTANEDA, CHAIRMAN
OF WORKING GROUP ON CHARTER OF ECONOMIC RIGHTS AND DUTIES OF
STATES, IS CONDUCTING INFORMAL CONSULTATIONS IN GENEVA WITH
SELECTED GENEVA REPS FROM GROUP B (DEVELOPED COUNTRIES) AND
SOCIALIST COUNTRIES IN PREPARATION FOR JUNE 10 MEETING IN MEXICO
CITY. CASTANEDA HAS GIVEN REPS DRAFT TEXTS OF SEVERAL KEY PARAS
WHICH REPRESENT CONSOLIDATED BUT APPARENTLY NOT UNANIMOUS VIEWS
OF SEVERAL LDCS PLUS CHINA AND HAS ASKED FOR INFORMAL REACTIONS.
WE HAVE TRANSMITTED (REFTEL) TEXTS WHICH WERE RECEIVED IN
CONFIDENCE FROM JAPANESE MISSION.

2. IN HANDING OVER TEXTS, MIYAKE, WHO WILL BE EFFECTIVE HEAD OF
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JAPANESE DEL IN MEXICO, SAID HE VERY MUCH WANTED TO HAVE

EXCHANGE OF VIEWS WITH US AND GERMANY (AS REPRESENTATIVE OF EC) BEFORE RESPONDING TO CASTANEDA. IF POSSIBLE, HE WOULD LIKE TO SEE U, EC AND JAPAN DEVELOP COMMON POSITION ON DRAFT TEXTS. HE THOUGH THIS COULD BEST BE DONE BY HAVING SOMEONE COME FROM WASHINGTON TO MEET WITH HIM AND HOPEFULLY DITTMAN OF GERMANY. ALTERNATIVELY, IT COULD BE DONE BY CABLE THROUGH MISSIONS. WHILE HE HOPES TO MEET WITH U.S. DEL BEFORE OF DURING MEETING IN MEXICO CITY, HE BELIEVES DELAY IN DISCUSSIN TEXTS OF GROUP OF EIGHT IS LIKELY TO REDUCE ABILITY TO OBTAIN MODIFICATIONS. IN THIS REGARD, HE POINTED TO HIS EXPERIENCE AT RECENT SPECIAL SESSION OF GA. HE SAID GROUP B WAS FRAGMENTED AND IT BECAME VERY DIFFICULT FOR INDIVIDUAL WESTERN DELS TO BOTAIN ALTERATIONS IN TEXTS AFTER THEY HAD BEEN ACCEPTED BY GROUP OF 77. WE AGREED REPORT FOREGOING AND SEEK INSTRUCTIONS.

3. COMMENT: US WORKED CLOSELY AND EFFECTIVELY AT LAST MEETING OF WG BOTH WITH MEXICANS AND WITH KEY REPS OF GROUP B DELS. WE BELIEVE IT IS IN OUR INTEREST TO CONTINUE TO MAINTAIN GOOD LIAISON.

WE ASSME POSITION PAPERS FOR MEXICO CITY ARE NOT YET READY AND THIS WOULD NOT BE OPPORTUNE TIME FOR EXPERTS INVOLVED IN CHARTER TO COME TO GENEVA. AT SAME TIME WE SEE MERIT IN MAKING OUR VIEWS ON KEY ISSUES KNOWN AT EARLY STAGE EVEN IF SUCH VIEWS SOMEWHAT PRELIMINARY IN NATURE. WE NOTE FOR EXAMPLE THAT GROUP OF EIGHT DRAFT CONTINUES TO OMIT ROLE FOR INTERNATIONAL LAW ON QUESTIONS OF PERMANENT SOVEREIGNTY AND FOREIGN INVESTMENT AND INTRODUCES SEVERAL OF THE MORE DIFFICULT CONCEPTS FROM DECLARATION OF NEW ECONOMIC ORDER AND ACTION PROGRAM INCLUDING SUPPORT FOR A FORM OF INDEXATION AND PRODUCER ASSOCIATIONS. UNDER CIRCUMSTANCES, MISSION HOPES DEPT. WILL BE ABLE PROVIDE PRELIMINARY VIEWS FOR INFORMAL EXCHANGE OF VIEWS WITH JAPANESE AND OTHER KEY GROUP B COUNTRIES. OUR PRELIMINARY VIEWS COULD ALSO BE USED IN DISCUSSIONS WITH AMB. CASTANEDA SHOULD HE RAISE GROUP OF EIGHT DRAFT WITH MISSION. ABRAMS UNQUOTE RUSH

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